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IN MEMORIAM — HENRY CARRINGTON BOLTON.

DR. HENRY CARRINGTON BOLTON, a life member of this Society, and one of its early members and organizers, died on November 20, 1903, at his home in Washington, D. C. Dr. Bolton was born January 28, 1843, in New York city. His father, Dr. Jackson Bolton, for many years an eminent physician, married Ann Hinman North, daughter of Dr. Elisha North, New London, Conn. At the age of nineteen Henry was graduated from Columbia College, and soon exhibited a fondness for chemistry. Having left Columbia in 1862, he studied at Paris, afterward at Heidelberg, and finally at Göttingen, where in 1866 he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. From 1872 to 1877 he was assistant in analytical chemistry and head of the laboratory of quantitative analysis in the School of Mines of Columbia University, and in 1877 was chosen Professor of Chemistry at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., where he gathered a well-known mineralogical collection. In 1887 he returned to New York, and in 1892 was made a non-resident professor of the History of Chemistry in the Columbian University of Washington, D. C., to which he finally removed his residence. In 1892 he married Miss Henrietta Irving of New Brighton, Staten Island.

Dr. Bolton was a valued member of many scientific and social organizations, and it has been said that he belonged to more learned societies than any other living American. In the American Folk-Lore Society he played a useful part, being frequently a member of its Council; the drafting of its constitution depended more on his hand than that of any one else. As an author, he was best known for his voluminous writings on the bibliography of Chemistry. He had a fondness for the cryptic side of chemical history, and had formed a remarkable collection of books on alchemy and magic. In the field of folk-lore, his "Counting-Out Rhymes of Children" (London, 1888) remains the only extensive collection of such formulas; this was an expansion of an article on the subject, "Counting-Out Rhymes of Children," published in the *Journal of American Folk-Lore*, vol. i. pp. 31-37. Among other articles from his hand which have appeared in this *Journal* may be mentioned: "Some Hawaiian Pastimes," vol. iv. pp. 21-26; "A Modern Oracle and its Prototypes," vi. 25-37; "Fortune-Telling in America To-day," viii. 299-307; "The Game of Goose," viii. 145-150; "More Counting-Out Rhymes," x. 313-321; "A Relic of Astrology," xi. 113-125; "The Vintner's Bush," xv. 40-44.

The writer of this notice remembers many pleasant occasions on which the interests of the Society were discussed with Dr. Bolton, and his lamented friend Dr. Daniel G. Brinton.